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## Bring It to Legal Decision

Ever since the shocking and awful assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald as the assassin and the murder of Oswald by Jack Ruby, there have reverberated a wide variety of charges and theories disputing in many respects the evidence of the Warren Commission in its extensive but something less than unquestionable study of this terrible event in our history.

While there have been many to advance their guesses and their theories, not to mention their prejudices, undoubtedly the most spectacular of all the critics of the Oswald theory has been District Attorney James Garrison of New Orleans.

Mr. Garrison is a giant of a man, standing six and a half feet tall. He is pugnacious as a politician, and is said to have gubernatorial aspirations. He caught onto the assassination case because Oswald had a history of activity for a while in New Orleans. Supported financially by volunteer contributions of many reputable people in New Orleans, Mr. Garrison has brought forth his theory that a number of assassins—none of them Oswald—figured in the fatal attack on the late President. He has brought specific charges against

several whose names previously had been obscure or unconnected with the Warren investigation.

Mr. Garrison also charges that President Lyndon B. Johnson has helped cover the facts, and that the Communist-oriented Oswald notified the FBI of the impending attack five days before the murder of the President. The FBI and CIA have denied that Oswald was an agent for either of them.

Mr. Garrison has one prominent New Orleans man, Clay Shaw, under charges, and has reached out for another on the West Coast, Edgar Eugene Bradley. He claims much more is to come.

It is impossible to evaluate the Garrison approach accurately at this time for he has proved himself capable of flamboyance but has not yet proved himself capable of presenting hard evidence that surely will pass the test of truth in a court of law.

It would be far better if he would try his case before the bar of justice rather than under a spotlight. He seems destined to provide the greatest surprise solution of any crime of state in modern times—or the greatest flop. Steps should be taken to speed the full and accurate determination of which it shall be.

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